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C.C. Pools, Inc., Middlesex Savings Bank and USDA Rural Development Partner to Construct a Community Facility for Concord and Carlisle

Concord, MA –USDA Rural Development State Director David Tuttle joined Tim Atkins, Executive Director of C. C. Pools, Inc., State Representative Cory Atkins, and John Fossett, Senior Vice President of Commercial Banking for SBA and USDA-backed initiatives at Middlesex Savings Bank today to celebrate the accomplishments of their partnership and unveil the new Concord Carlisle Community Swim and Health Center.

Plans for the \$10 million Center began with a gift from the Alfred H. Sawyer Trust in 1996. The facility was designed and built with private donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and a \$3 million loan through Middlesex Savings Bank for which USDA Rural Development provided a guarantee. The Center will be donated to the Town of Concord, and run by the Concord Recreation Department. It will be available to everyone in the towns of Concord and Carlisle, including Town employees and their families.

C. C. Pools, Inc. is a registered 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization that was formed to fund the design and construction of the Center as a gift to the Town of Concord. The facility is located on land provided by the town next to the Concord Carlisle High School. The Concord Recreation Department will open the Center's doors to the public on April 18, 2006.

The USDA Rural Development Community Facilities program provides funds to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through its Community Facilities Guaranteed Program, the Department of Agriculture can guarantee up to 90% of any loss of interest or principal on loans made and serviced by lenders such as Middlesex Savings Bank to develop essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans and guarantees are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to non-profit corporations and tribal governments.

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